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Bringing awareness to child abuse prevention

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Dotting the afternoon skies are 150 pale blue balloons floating towards the heavens. Each balloon represents a Cheyenne and Arapaho child currently in custody of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Child Protective Services (CPS) or the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS).

On April 24, 2013, Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Child Welfare staff and guests gathered to release the balloons to bring awareness to neglected and abused children as part of the National Child Abuse Prevention month.

In 1983,Congress proclaimed April to be National Child Abuse Prevention month, and as a result, each year, child abuse and neglect awareness activities are promoted throughout the United States.

"We currently have 150 children, ranging from birth to 17 years of age in the foster care system, some within the tribes' CPS and some within DHS custody," Yolanda Woods, Indian Child Welfare, coordinator said. "We need foster homes, but its something people need to do if its something they feel inside of themselves they need to do. We only have 38 foster homes registered through our office, so some of the children are placed within those homes and the rest are placed in state foster homes. You don't have to be a tribal member to be a foster parent through us … you just need to have the desire in your heart first of all and then pass a background check and get certified as a foster home."

According to the www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/history Website the color blue began to be used in 1989 when a Virginia grandmother tied a blue ribbon on her car antenna after the death of her grandson from child abuse. The 'Blue Ribbon Campaign' expanded across the country with many people wearing blue ribbons in memory of the children who have died from child abuse and as a way to bring attention to the prevention of child abuse.

To find out more about how to help by becoming a foster home with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Child Welfare office, contact Jeffrey Elizondo at (405) 422-7470.

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C&A tribes learn from Citizen Potawatomi Nation water plant system

Submitted article

Representatives from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes tour two water plants owned and operated by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) on April 19, 2013 in Shawnee, Okla.

Director of CPN Public Works and Utilities, Richard Kunze, conducted the tour for representatives from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Community Development program, Concho water plant employees, members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tax Commission and legislators.

The CPN's experience in developing its own water plan is seen by many tribes as a forerunner to their own preparations, especially in light of the recent drought in Oklahoma.

Kunze gave guests an overview of how CPN was able to acquire a rural water district. The tour included one plant located west of the Citizen Potawatomie Grand Casino in Shawnee, Okla., and the second water plant location in McComb, Okla.

The tour included both the microfiltration plant and the reverse osmosis plant.

The CPN's water treatment plant has doubled its production output and currently has 850 customers in southern Pottawatomie County.

"The district's water treatment plant has ramped up production by twice the original output and many of the defaulted loans used to keep it operational at the time of purchase have since been paid off," Kunze said. "We serve around 850 customers in southern Pottawatomie County through about 275 miles of line. That's in addition to the water we sell back to Oklahoma City through the OKC-Atoka water line that runs through our land."

CPN's previous experience working with the state's most valuable resource has it ahead of the curve when many entities are just beginning to grapple with issue of water rights, according to the CPN Website.

A grant from the Administration for Native Americans, along with in-kind services from the United States Geological Services (USGS) and tribal funds, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is currently conducting a three-year comprehensive water study. The study began in September 2011 and once completed, in 2014, the tribe will create an all-inclusive water plan to sustainably manage growth and water resources within its jurisdiction. USGS senior geologist, Dr. Chris Harich, is leading the research.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are in the planning stages of a new water system on their tribal land located in Concho, Okla. Melvin Roman Nose, Cheyenne and Arapaho Community Development program will head up this project, in conjunction with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tax Commission and legislature.

For more information about this project, contact Roman Nose at (405) 422-7404.

Honored educator to speak at annual graduation banquet

CONCHO, Okla.-The Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Ralph L. Dru, M.D., M.P.H. (full blood Cheyenne) will be the honored educator for the 2013 graduation banquet on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

Dr. Ralph Dru has been announced as the Honored Educator for the 2013 Cheyenne and Arapaho Graduation Banquet.

Dr. Dru attended the Concho Indian School in 1945 and graduated from Clinton High school in 1951. He was enlisted in the U. S. Army from 1951-1954.

In June 1963 he studied medical technology in Weatherford, Okla. In June 1973 he received a B.S. degree from Northern Arizona University. In June 1977 he received his M.D. degree from Oklahoma and also in June 1977 he completed residency surgery at the V.A. Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

In July 1977 Dr. Dru was the General Medical Officer at Indian Health Service. In July 1980 he received his M.P.H. degree from the University of California. In July 1986 he was the Chief Medical Officer in the U.S. Army, retiring in 1997 with the rank of Colonel. From 1998 to February 2013 he was the Chief Medical Officer for the Department of Defense, GS-14, then retired.

Dr. Dru mentioned help along the way from Dartmouth Medical Center in Hanover, NH, First INMED Graduate University of North Dakota, Grand Folks, ND, and is a charter member for the Association of American Indian Physicians, Inc. in Oklahoma City.

United Methodists plan Sand Creek project

By Linda Bloom

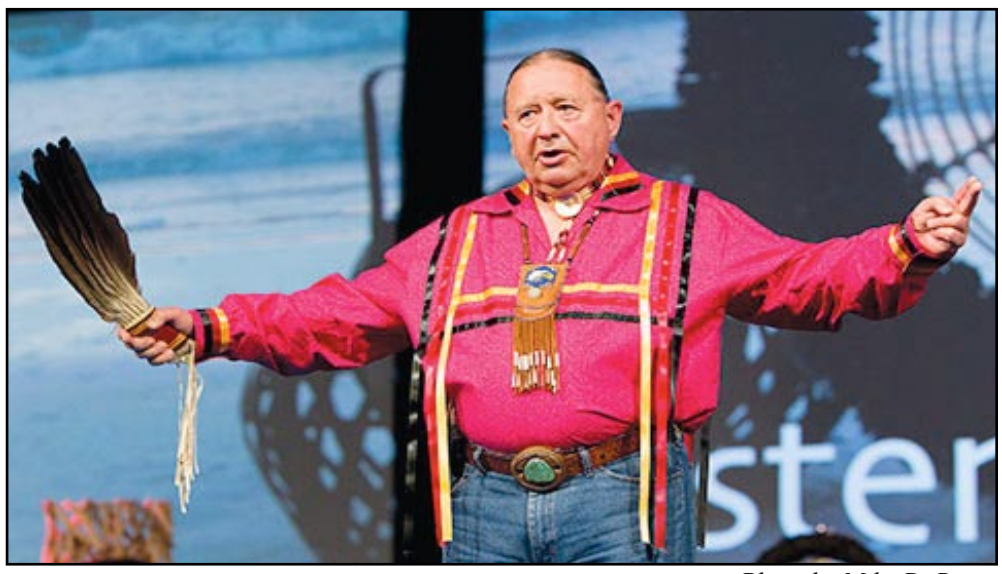

Photo by Mike DuBose

The Rev. George "Tink" Tinker helps lead an "Act of Repentance toward Healing Relationships with Indigenous Peoples" at the 2012 United Methodist General Conference in Tampa, Fla., in April 2012.

As the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre in Colorado approaches, United Methodists are focused on healing and setting the record straight through a research project.

That focus includes coming to terms with the involvement of two Methodists, John Chivington and John Evans, in the 1864 massacre, when U.S. soldiers killed at least 165 Native Americans, mostly Cheyenne and Arapaho, living in a temporary village. Most of the victims were women, children and elderly.

The role of Chivington, leader of the 700 men who attacked the village of Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho people at Sand Creek, is well documented.

Now, Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., is looking into Evans, the city's namesake and a founder of the university, and his role in Sand Creek. He was territorial governor of Colorado in 1864.

"There's an openness and timeliness of this," said Mountain Sky Area United Methodist Bishop Elaine Stanovsky about Northwestern's decision. "It seems to me it's time the truth came out about the Sand Creek massacre."

Since her assignment to Denver in 2008, Stanovsky has taken a leading role in trying to heal relationships with Native Americans, working within the denomination as well as with members of descendant tribes, area officials, historians and the National Park Service, which maintains the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, 160 miles southeast of Denver.

The Methodist connection was acknowledged in 1996 when General Conference, the denomination's top legislative body, met in Denver and adopted a resolution entitled, "Support Restitution to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma for the Sand Creek Massacre." Chivington was erroneously described as "a Methodist lay preacher" instead of a church elder in that resolution.

The resolution also failed to acknowledge the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and the Northern Arapaho Tribe of Wyoming, also federally recognized descendants of the Sand Creek Massacre, Stanovsky said.

The 2008 General Conference voted to contribute $50,000 to the development of a research and learning center at the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site and authorized the United Methodist Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns to work with the National Park Service on the center.

An additional contribution of $75,000 to the historic site was approved by the United Methodist Connectional Table from the World Service Contingency Fund.

The 2012 General Conference, the denomination's top legislative body, participated in "An Act of Repentance Toward Healing Relationships with Indigenous Peoples," which is considered to be an ongoing process, and adopted a petition submitted by Sheridan (Wy.) United Methodist Church calling for further attention to Sand Creek.

The United Methodist Council of Bishops and Commission on Archives and History are charged with authorizing a joint research team, including an independent body, to "provide full disclosure" of the involvement of Chivington, Evans, the Methodist Church as an institution and other prominent leaders of the time period. The team will bring a report back to the 2016 General Conference.

The Rev. Stephen J. Sidorak Jr., who

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Native Women Stay Strong

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program are recruiting Cheyenne-Arapaho women who want to participate in the Native Women Stay Strong Program.

This six week program incorporates weight training, aerobics and nutrition into daily lifestyles. No matter where a woman is at in their life, they will greatly benefit from these activities. There are no stringent expectations. Participants will start at a beginning level and work at their own pace. The following are requirements of the program:

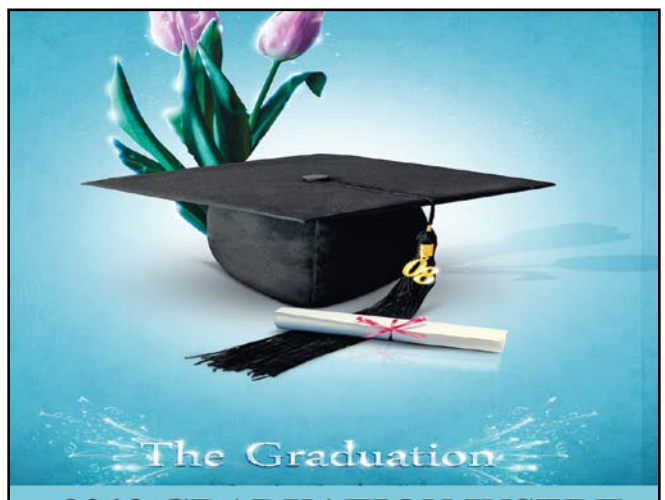
Cheyenne-Arapaho women ages 20 and above

Have diabetes, pre-diabetes or at risk/perform pre-post measurements

Commit to six weeks of participation

Recruitment will be 1 p.m., May 6, 2013 at the Seiling community Center. Ten women will be signed up at this time.

For more information or questions contact Bobbie Hamilton at (405) 422-7623 or email rhamilton@c-a-tribes.org.



2013 GRADUATION INSERT

The 2013 annual Graduation Insert will be published May 15, 2013. If you have a college or high school graduate who WILL NOT be attending the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Graduation Banquet please send in their photo, degree (if applicable) and the school name to be published in this year's Graduation Insert.

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Judge sides with sons about Jim Thorpe's remains

By Mark Scolforo

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)-The two surviving children of sports great Jim Thorpe won a critical ruling in federal court that could clear the way for his remains to be removed from a mausoleum in the Pennsylvania town that bears his name and reinterred on American Indian land in Oklahoma.

U.S. District Judge Richard Caputo ruled in favor of sons Bill and Richard Thorpe and against Jim Thorpe borough in northeastern Pennsylvania, saying the town itself amounts to a museum under the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The men's lawyer, Stephen R. Ward of Tulsa, Okla., said they will now pursue the legal process to have their father, who won the decathlon and pentathlon in the 1912 Olympics, returned to Sac and Fox land in central Oklahoma.

Messages seeking comment from lawyers for the borough, and top borough officials, were not immediately returned. They could appeal Caputo's decision.

Ward said the brothers were pleased with the decision.

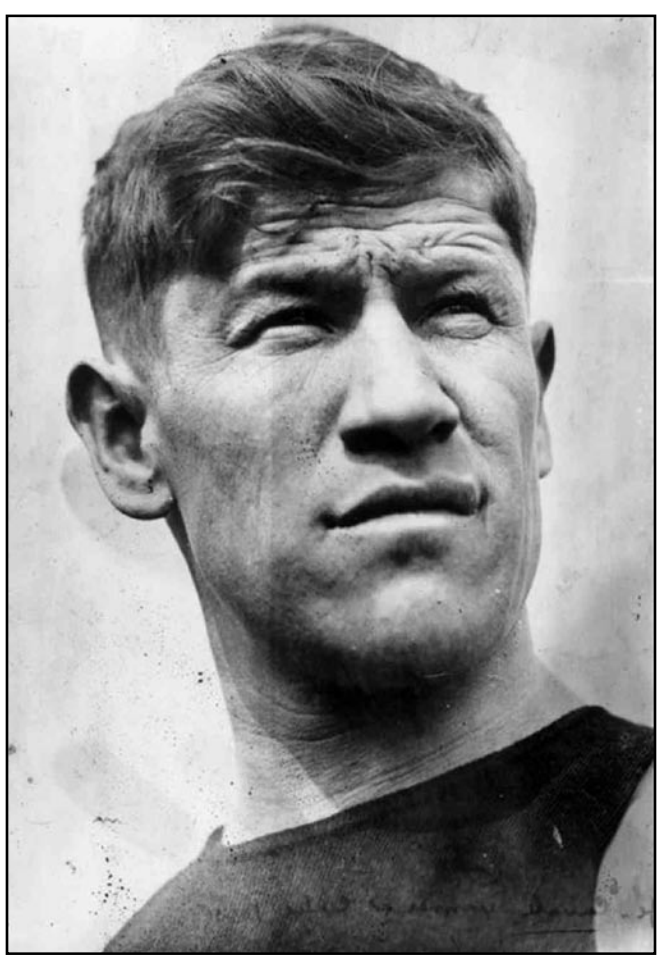
"They and their brothers and other members of the family have wanted this and have worked for this for a long time," he said. "They well remember how the wishes of the Indian members of the family were not respected concerning their father's burial."

After Jim Thorpe died without a will in 1953 at age 64, third wife Patricia Thorpe made a deal with two merging towns in the Poconos, Mauch Chunk and East Mauch Chunk, to have the new town named for him. His remains have been kept for the past six decades in a borough-owned roadside memorial along the Lehigh River.

Caputo wrote that the result may seem at odds with notions of commercial or contract law.

"Congress, however, recognized larger and different concerns in such circumstances, namely, the sanctity of the Native American culture's treatment of the remains of those of Native American ancestry," the judge said. "It did so against a history of exploitation of Native American artifacts and remains for commercial purposes."

Ward said Bill Thorpe, who lives in Oklahoma, and Richard, a resident of the Dallas area, have not decided whether to bury their father alongside their paternal grandfather in a cemetery in Shawnee, Okla., or at another spot in the area.



Courtesy photo

Jim Thorpe

Ward said the brothers are not seeking to have the town change its name, and the judge said any concerns about the borough's identity were misplaced.

Thorpe was born in Oklahoma and became a professional football and baseball player, as well as a Hollywood actor. The town that bears his name, which he likely never visited, has become a popular tourist destination, replete with trendy shops, historic architecture and outdoor activities connected to the mountainous region.

Ward said any tourist benefit that Thorpe's remains may have once provided has long become nonexistent.

Choctaw Chief Gregory E. Pyle, Assistant Chief Gary Batton, and the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council would like to invite everyone to participate in the tribe's annual Trail of Tears Walk, May 18, 2013 in Spiro, Okla.

Everyone is asked to come early and park at the Choctaw Community Center and ride a shuttle bus to the starting point of the walk. Drivers will begin at 9 a.m. taking passengers to the cemetery. The walk will begin at 10 a.m.

Lunch will be served to all who spend this special day with us.

Order your Walk t-shirt today.

For more information, call (800) 522-6170 ext. 2162.

Oklahoma State Superintendent, Janet Barresi keynote speaker at 2013 graduation banquet

CONCHO, OK-Dr. Janet Barresi was sworn in on Jan. 10, 2011, as Oklahoma's first new State Superintendent in 20 years. Barresi is committed to giving every child in Oklahoma the chance to learn using her C3 Plan as the cornerstone of her reform agenda.

Armed with an undergraduate degree in Education and a master's degree in Speech and Language Disorders, Superintendent Barresi worked in both the Harrah and Norman Public School systems as a speech pathologist. While in Harrah, Barresi ran a special summer clinic for severely handicapped children in need of remediation for speech and language problems. She later joined the Department of Otolaryngology at the O.U. Health Science Center where she served patients in both Children's Hospital and University Hospital. She also lectured medical students on early childhood development and speech and language development.

In 1984 Barresi earned her DDS degree and became a dentist. She was very active in the community. After 24 years she retired as a dentist and business owner to concentrate solely on education issues.

Barresi established Oklahoma's first public charter school, Independence Charter Middle School, after passage of Oklahoma's landmark charter school bill in 1999. As a result of the success of Independence, she was asked to start Harding Charter Preparatory High School, where she served as Board President. This year, Harding Charter Prep was named, by *US News and World Report*, as the 2012 Best High School in Oklahoma and by *Newsweek* online publications as the ninth best transformation high school in the nation.

Barresi serves as chair of both the State Board of Education and the Career Tech Board. She is a member of "Chiefs for Change," a group of chief state school officers across the country committed to education reform. Barresi also serves on the governing board of Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), a consortium of 23 states plus the U.S. Virgin Islands, working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English and math anchored in what it takes to be ready for college and careers.

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Oklahoma State Education Superintendent, Janet Barresi will be keynote speaker at the Cheyenne and Arapaho graduation banquet May 8.

Elder abuse, the deadly silence

Submitted article

Did you know every year there are approximately 2.1 million American elders who suffer from abuse, neglect, or exploitation?

Elder abuse happens, but everyone can act to protect senior citizens. The Year of Elder Abuse Prevention (YEAP) is an organization that stands for awareness and protection for seniors.

Elder abuse is usually intentional and can take place in many forms, such as, neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse and exploitation, emotional or psychological abuse and neglect (that includes verbal abuse and threat), abandonment and self-neglect.

Elder abuse can happen to just about anyone, a loved one, a neighbor … it could even happen to ourselves when we are old enough. It can occur anywhere, in a person's own home, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, shelters, even hospitals.

Elder abuse affects seniors across all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races. Statistics state that elders age 80 and older are more likely to be victimized and mistreated by their own family members. Many victims are reluctant to report abuse because they feel ashamed and embarrassed, particularly because their family member is their abuser. They are often afraid that the abuser will get in trouble, fear of being forced

to live in a nursing home and they could even feel guilty or blame themselves for why they are getting mistreated.

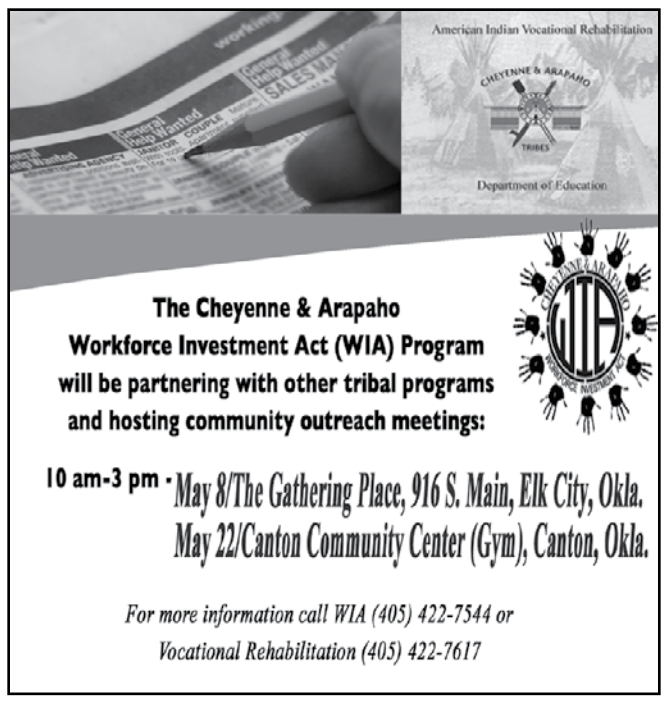
Abused elders are sometimes in denial that the abuse is occurring, or even unaware that what they are experiencing is abuse or neglect. Most become too afraid to report their abusers because they fear the abuse will get worse.

The most common risk factors are, dementia, mental health or substance abuse issues, social isolation, or poor physical health; which increases vulnerability or even worse.

Ask yourself, "What could I do to prevent Elder Abuse?"

You could help raise awareness by talking about the issue, challenging injustice, and speaking up for the elders who are afraid to speak for themselves. Maintain contact with your older loved ones, friends, neighbors, and relatives. Be aware and alert for the possible signs of abuse and look around and see what may be happening with the elders around you. Most of all ask questions and listen to your elders. You can tell a lot by someone's demeanor.

If you believe or know anyone who is being abused or know a suspected mistreated elder, please call your local law enforcement. If the victim is an enrolled tribal member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, please call at (405) 201-8295.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States line up in favor of federal adoption law

By Meg Kinnard

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)-The U.S. Supreme Court this week will hear an emotional family challenge to longstanding federal law on the adoption of Native American children, with several states, tribes and children's welfare groups lining up to support the current rules.

The case involves a South Carolina couple fighting for custody of their adopted daughter who, after a court battle, was returned to her biological father in Oklahoma.

At issue is the Indian Child Welfare Act, a federal law that gives tribes and relatives a say in decisions affecting children with Native American heritage. Passed in 1978 because of the high number of Indian children being removed from their homes by public and private agencies, the act gives the tribe and relatives a say in decisions affecting the child. In the current case, to be heard, more than a dozen states and 23 current and former members of Congress have filed briefs supporting the law.

Matt and Melanie Capobianco adopted a baby several years ago, but the girl's father, a member of the Cherokee Nation whom she had never met, argued that the child's mother gave her up without his consent. The state's highest court sided with him, and she was returned to Oklahoma.

When Dusten Brown challenged the Capobiancos' adoption, he said federal law favored the girl living with him and growing up learning tribal traditions. A South Carolina court agreed with Brown, who took the girl, named Veronica, and now age 3, back to Oklahoma in 2011.

Appealing to the state Supreme Court, the Capobiancos said they had bonded with Veronica and argued that removing her was detrimental to her development. But justices sided with Brown last summer, saying in an emotional opinion that, while the Capobiancos were "ideal parents," federal law requires that custodial preference be given to the child's Native American parent.

The U.S. Supreme Court has considered Native American adoption before. In 1989, the court ruled that it was up to tribal courts to make decisions about Indian adoptions. In that case, a tribal court ultimately ruled that a set of toddler twins could stay with their adoptive parents.

The 18 states that have signed onto a brief supporting the federal law are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin.

In addition, the federal government has filed an amicus brief backing the law, as have more than a dozen child welfare organizations.

State courts have been at odds on the law's application. The American Association of Adoption Attorneys hopes the matter will be clarified by the high court. The group has filed a brief supporting the Capobiancos' case. It says the court previously has ruled on the rights of mothers and unwed fathers, rights that, a past president of the group said, federal law hasn't defined, at least for Native American children.

"Those cases clearly state that unwed fathers do not have an automatic fully protected right to participate in decisions about the child," Seattle adoption attorney Mark Demaray said last week during a conference call with reporters.

Case law aside, Demaray said, the emotional aspects of the case are hard to ignore.

"We often refer to cases like this one before the Supreme Court as a tragic situation we all want to avoid," Demaray said. "There's no question this case is tragic for all the families and parties involved in it, particularly for this child, no matter what the outcome."

Baby Veronica and Native American family values

By Jacquelin Pata

The mainstream media has continued to make repeated factual errors when reporting on the high profile Supreme Court custody case involving a Native American father and his daughter. The latest are Washington Post and New York Times editorial board opinions of Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl, being heard by the Supreme Court. The misrepresentations are significant, one sided, and a direct affront to Native American family values.

The facts of the case are straightforward: Dusten Brown is an Iraq war veteran and a member of the Cherokee Nation. He understands service and commitment and nothing could be clearer than his commitment to his daughter Veronica.

Veronica is Brown's now 3 1/2-year-old daughter. Veronica and Dusten are now a family together in Oklahoma. Veronica's father and mother were engaged when she was conceived. When Dusten Brown first learned of the pregnancy, he begged his fiancé to marry him right away, to move into military housing on base with him, and even suggested she quit her job so that she could focus on their unborn child. He pledged to financially support her, their child and even her children from another relationship.

The father was heartbroken and confused when his pregnant fiancé broke off their engagement and stopped answering his phone calls and text messages. He called and sent text messages, repeatedly and without response. Finally, he got permission to leave the base and traveled to her home, some four hours away. Her car was there and he heard voices inside her home, but she would not come to the door.

Court testimony shows that the birth mother kept her plans to give the baby up for adoption a secret from the father, because she knew that the father would never consent to give his child up for adoption. The father did not learn of the mother's plans to give up the baby until the child was four months old and the father was on the verge of shipping out to Iraq. Once learning this news, the father immediately took all the legal steps he could consistent with the pressures of his deployment into hostile territory and subsequent combat.

Although adoption lawyers for the South Carolina couple filed an adoption action just days after her birth, they waited four months to serve the father with the legal papers, finally serving him just before he deployed for his mission in Iraq.

In short, from his first knowledge of the pregnancy, the father expressed nothing but a sincere desire to love, support and care for his child.

Throughout the two-year long court proceedings, the father sent child support payments to the South Carolina couple, which deposited them into their attorney's trust account. The father also purchased stuffed animals and other toys for his daughter during this period, all of which were returned, along with the 20 pairs of socks hand-knitted by the child's grandmother.

The case was eventually taken up by three separate courts in South Carolina, and all of them ruled in favor of Dusten Brown. After a full, four-day trial, the Family Court judge noted that Brown "is the father of another daughter" and that "the undisputed testimony is that he is a loving and devoted father. Even the birth mother herself testified that Brownwas a good father. There is no evidence to suggest that he would be anything other than be an excellent parent to this child."

The Family Court judge concluded, "the birth father is a fit and proper person to have custody of his child. He has demonstrated that he has the ability to parent effectively and has convinced me of his unwavering love for this child."

Despite this factual record developed in tremendous detail by three separate courts over the last two years, members of the mainstream media have continued to misreport key aspects of the case.

Most damning of all are the media reports that have created the mistaken impression that the South Carolina family adopted the child and Dusten Brown is seeking to undo the adoption. The facts are exactly the opposite. Veronica was never adopted, and the attorneys for the South Carolina couple knew from the start that the father was going to fight for the right to raise his child and that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was going to be a key legal issue.

Despite the knowledge that the father wanted to raise the child and the fact that ICWA could apply, the South Carolina couple's adoption lawyers made the decision to fight to keep the child, against the will of her family and against the will of her Cherokee Nation.

In contrast, Dusten Brown and his representatives have always shown respect for the legal process and for the South Carolina couple, even though the process kept him apart from his daughter for two years.

Likewise, the mainstream media has failed to explore the misconduct that led to Veronica being removed from Oklahoma and taken away to South Carolina when she was barely a week old. The court proceedings in this case revealed that the lawyers were at fault, in particular, according to the brief, Dusten Brown's attorneys filed with the Supreme Court, "although the mother's attorney provided the Cherokee Nation with father's name while inquiring whether the child would be an 'Indian child' subject to ICWA, the attorney misspelled the father's first name and provided both the wrong day and wrong year for the father's date of birth; based on these misstatements, the Cherokee Nation responded that the child appeared not to be an Indian child, adding that any misinformation would invalidate that determination. The mother testified at trial that she knew the Cherokee Nation's determination could not be correct, and that she informed her attorney of that fact, but no further efforts were made to determine whether the baby Veronica was an Indian child."

Had the Oklahoma Interstate Compact Commission been provided accurate information about this child's Native American heritage, the South Carolina adoption attorneys would never have received permission to take her out of Oklahoma and all of this heartache for Dusten Brown and for the South Carolina family could have been avoided.

Courtesy photos

Dusten Brown holds his daughter Veronica, now 3-1/2 years old. Veronica's adoptive parents' have fought to have the little girl return to them after being removed from their home and returned to her biological father under the Indian Child Welfare Act.

"Baby" Veronica now 3-1/2 years old.

Yet almost no attention has been paid to the conduct of these adoption attorneys, and that is truly unfortunate. Because, in many ways, the story of the case of Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl is about two increasingly common trends in the adoption services industry. First, attempts to purposefully circumvent ICWA through legal evasion, and second, attempts by adoption lawyers to take advantage of active duty service members in the process of being deployed to combat, or in active deployments.

That's why the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), with the permission of the Brown family, has released a new video about the Brown family, and specifically about Dusten Brown, because up until recently the media has failed in their job in telling a balanced and full story about this case and the Brown family.

At its very heart, this case is about a father's deep desire to raise his daughter Veronica. Dusten Brown is an Iraq war veteran, a family man, a man of conviction, and most importantly, a father. He is also a member of his tribal nation, the Cherokee Nation.

Let the world and the United States not forget that Native men and women are caring fathers and mothers, parents and grandparents. Our family and community values are what have carried us through our most difficult times, we are all a family and we stand together. Our young people are our future and we will not give up on protecting them and their rights.

It's long past time for the mainstream media to get the story right and to dig deeper and explore the endemic misconduct that is threatening to break up the families of both Native Americans and members of the military.

Jacqueline Pata is the Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). The Tribal Supreme Court Project, an initiative of NCAI and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) - organized a legal response to the Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl appeal along with the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). The effort resulted in an overwhelming response in support of the family, ICWA, and federal Indian law. In total, 24 amicus briefs were submitted in support of the Brown family, Veronica the Daughter and Dusten the father, and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

UNITY celebrates 37th birthday

Oklahoma City, OK—Thanks to an organization called UNITY, Native American youth across the country are taking charge of their lives by serving others. Many were inspired to do so after attending a National UNITY Conference. Three decades and seven years ago on April 16, 1976, United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Oklahoma. Commonly known by its acronym as UNITY, the organization is an outgrowth of a dropout prevention and cultural retention project funded by the Office of Indian Education.

UNITY has made a significant difference throughout Native America, having reached thousands of Native youth who are helping their reservations, villages and communities by establishing tutoring programs, dance troupes, clean up days, healthy lifestyles campaigns, to name a few. UNITY alumni numbers are in the tens of thousands and include prominent community leaders like Loretta Tuell, Nez Perce, an attorney and former Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Greg Mendoza, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, and Dr. Darrell Mease, Cherokee, physician and owner of Mease Medical Clinic. Tuell, Mendoza and Mease serve on UNITY's Board of Trustees.

The heart of UNITY is a youth council, which may be sponsored by a Tribe, Alaska Native village, high school, college, or urban center. The UNITY Network currently involves 140 affiliated youth councils in 28 states. Youth Council members are engaged in cultural preservation, environmental awareness, healthy lifestyles and community service projects.

The mission of UNITY is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth and to help build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.

Highlights during UNITY's 37 years of empowering Native youth include having survived 11 years without federal funds, a benefit concert by Willie Nelson and Family, a radio and newspaper commentary by Paul Harvey, coordination of the American Indian/Alaska Native YOUTH 2000 campaign, the Earth Ambassador program, posters of Native youth promoting healthy lifestyles, youth offering testimonies at Senate and House hearings, two national championship men's basketball teams consisting of college athletes, mini basketball clinics, a project educating youth about tribal government, obesity- prevention programs, and the national UNITY conferences with keynote messages by Tipper Gore, Gen. Colin Powell, various tribal leaders along with appearances by Adam Beach, Danny Glover, and other celebrities.

What makes UNITY unique is that it is the only national Native organization with a network of affiliated youth councils, providing a structure for youth to collectively address concerns and issues. "Thanks to everyone who has been involved in UNITY. UNITY belongs to them," said J. R. Cook, the organization's Founder and Executive Director. "UNITY has survived because of tribes who have developed and sponsored their youth councils while also helping support UNITY's conferences and youth initiatives."

Loretta Tuell, chair of UNITY's Council of Trustees added, "We appreciate the tribal leaders who recognize youth as a tremendous resource and involve them in building healthier, stronger tribes. We appreciate the hard work of J.R. Cook and we look forward to UNITY turning over a new leaf this summer when one of our alums Mary Kim Titla, San Carlos Apache, assumes the role as UNITY's Executive Director." Amira Madison, co-president of the National UNITY Council's Executive Committee said, ""We are excited about UNITY's future and upcoming conference with a theme that revolves around technology and how our youth communicate best, which is through texting, Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest, and other blogs. We will be doing live twitter updates throughout the conference and we will be challenging youth with social media."

The 2013 National UNITY Conference will be held July 12-16 at the Marriott Warner Hotel in Woodland Hills, CA. More information can be found at www.unityinc.org or by phoning the UNITY office at (405) 236-2800.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member gets promoted to brown belt

Andrea Curtis, 12 years old, was promoted to brown belt status at the Anadarko Martial Arts on March 30, 2013. She was evaluated on her stamina and hard exercises consisting of jumping jacks, pushups, crunches and legs lifts. In addition to these exercises she was evaluated on her skills and techniques of her advanced forms, kicks, stances, blocks, self-defense, fighting and board breakings.

"Andrea started training in May 2009 and is a fine student. I would like to congratulate her on a job well done … keep up the good work Andrea," Cheryl Gomez, Anadarko Martial Arts, head instructor said.

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Sequoyah alum becomes highest drafted Native woman in WNBA history

By Lenzy Krehbiel-Burton, Native Times
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A citizen of the Cherokee Nation and a graduate of Sequoyah High School, Goodrich played collegiately at the University of Kansas and averaged 14 points and almost seven assists per game this season, leading the Jayhawks to a second consecutive Sweet Sixteen appearance.

TULSA, Okla.-Prior to Monday night's draft, Tahnee Robinson was the only enrolled tribal citizen to be drafted by a WNBA team, with the Phoenix Mercury selecting her with the 31st pick of the 2011 draft. One other Native woman, Navajo Nation citizen Ryneldi Becenti, played as a free agent with the Mercury in 1997.

Cherokee Nation citizen Angel Goodrich became the highest drafted Native American woman in WNBA history Monday night when she was selected in the 29th round by the Tulsa Shock.

"This means a lot," she said. "Coming from a small town and an all-Indian school, this is something I've been dreaming about. "It is an honor to represent Natives like this."

A graduate of Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla., Goodrich played collegiately at the University of Kansas and averaged 14 points and almost seven assists per game this season, leading the Jayhawks to a second consecutive Sweet Sixteen appearance. Goodrich was a 2012-2013 first team All Big 12 selection and is the first Cherokee Nation citizen picked in the WNBA draft.

"The team that came up big in the third round is the Tulsa Shock," ESPN analyst Rebecca Lobo said Monday night. "They came into tonight without a point guard. They got their starting guard in the first round and then picked up Angel Goodrich from Kansas.

"That kid has a real shot to make their roster."

With their first round pick, the Shock selected University of Notre Dame point guard Skylar Diggins, a four-time All-American and two-time Big East Player of the Year. Diggins, whose team eliminated Goodrich's Lady Jayhawks from the 2013 NCAA tournament, told Shock fans via Skype Monday night that she wants to take the team to the playoffs. The team has not qualified for the postseason since relocating from Detroit to Tulsa in 2010.

"I just want to go to Tulsa and do my job," Diggins said. "I'm excited about this opportunity. I can't believe I'm here."

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"Angel was the best available player at the time," Shock coach Gary Kloppenburg said. "Yes, we took a point guard with our first round pick, but she can't play all 40 minutes. We will need a back up."

Training camp starts on May 5 and the Shock's home opener is May 27 against the Washington Mystics. WNBA teams are limited to 11 active players on their roster. After Monday night's draft, Tulsa has 13 women on its roster.

"This is the first time I've ever really had to try out for a team," Goodrich said. "I do love a challenge. If it's meant to be, it's meant to be. I'm just going to go in there, work my tail off and leave it out on the court."

Starting with the 2013 season, Osage Casino is the marquee sponsor of Tulsa's WNBA team, making them the only tribally-owned entity to be a presenting sponsor of a professional sports team. The WNBA's Connecticut Sun, based in Uncasville, Conn., is owned by the Mohegan Tribe and plays at the tribe's Mohegan Sun casino. However, logos for the tribe and its casino do not appear on the team's jerseys.

Miss Basketball Oklahoma Lakota Beatty Anadarko Lady Warriors Sr. 5-9 Guard

Lakota Beatty has been a driving force in the success for the Anadarko Lady Warriors.

During her senior campaign in 2012-2013, Beatty led her team to a 27-2 record and a return to the Class 4A State Tournament semifinals.

Known as a gym rat, the multi-talented guard averaged 20.1 points, 5.6 assists, 4.7 rebounds and 3.5 steals per game. Beatty's talents helped the Lady Warriors claim the gold ball as winner of the 2012 Tournament of Champions.

Last year as a junior, Beatty helped to guide coach Jeff Zinn's club to the Class 4A championship with a 29-1 record.

"Lakota brings it all every night," said Zinn. "She not only delivers scoring but is just as effective with her defensive skills, as well as getting rebounds on both ends of the court." Beatty will continue her basketball career on the collegiate level after signing a letter of intent with Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

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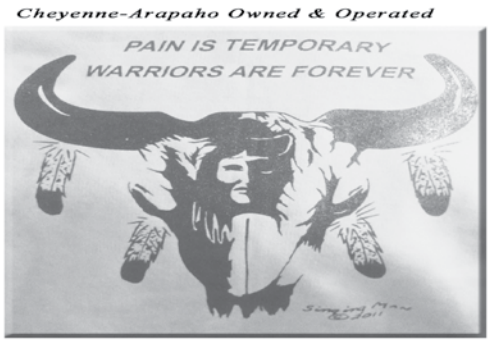

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Emergency contraceptives, community workshops in Native and Tribal communities

The Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center (NAWHERC) in Lake Andes, S.D. will be hosting two Emergency Contraceptives-Community Workshops in Native and Tribal Communities in Oklahoma in May.

The first will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at Indian Health Services (HIS) in Lawton, Okla. and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the Hard Rock Casino in Catoosa, Okla. Registration is free. In a report released last year, NAWHERC, called upon IHS to provide equal access to safe, emergency contraception in the form of Plan B, especially for survivors of sexual assault.

The full report is available for download and distribution at www.nativeshop.org/images/pdf/Plan-B-Report.pdf, "The potential for Native American women to need reproductive choice or emergency contraception (EC) because of a violent incident statistically far exceeds that of the general population. Native Americans are raped at a rate nearly double that of rapes reported by all races annually, 34.1 percent, more than one in three, Native American women will be raped in their lifetime. Three-fourths of Native American women have experienced some type of sexual assault in their lives."

Although, Plan B is available over the counter to all women 17 years and older, Native American women have not previously been provided access to Plan B over the counter by their primary health care provider, the Indian Health Service.

Working together, Native women have made a huge impact on the distribution of EC/OTC already. NAWHERC is still pushing for written policies to be released and instituted across the country, but the collective actions over the past year have resulted in emergency contraception becoming available over the counter in many new IHS clinics nationwide.

A tool kit and workshops for Native American community women have been developed to ensure the education of community leaders, practitioners, mothers and daughters to understand the emergency contraceptive resources available to them before they need them.

Registration is free with lunch and refreshments provided for participants. Please contact Maya Torralba by email at mayatorralba@gmail.com for more information or to register your attendance.

Native high school students exposed to media through annual Native American Journalists Association program July 14-20 in Tempe, Ariz.

NORMAN, Okla. - The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) is now accepting applications through May 6, 2013 for Project Phoenix, an annual program that aims to introduce Native American high school students to journalism.

During the course of a week, students accepted into the program learn the basics of news writing, photography and multimedia as they report stories under the guidance of professional journalists who serve as mentors. Students' work appears in a printed newspaper and online.

The students of both Project Phoenix and Native Voices, NAJA's college program, meet in the host city of the association's annual conference. The site of Project Phoenix this year is Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School for Journalism and Mass Communication. Program dates are July 14-20. The 2013 National Native Media Conference will be held July 18-21 in Tempe, Ariz., in conjunction with Native Public Media.

Project Phoenix this year is made possible by a generous contribution from the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Tribal Chairman Louis J. Manuel Jr., said the Ak-Chin Indian Community is dedicated to supporting NAJA's mission.

"The Ak-Chin Indian Community is supportive of the efforts NAJA instills in motivating and developing our current and future media hopefuls. Our vision is to provide opportunities to Native Americans where possible and NAJA is a huge proponent in striving for that goal with Native journalists and media," Manuel said.

"We are grateful the Ak-Chin Indian Community has become a partner this year in our effort to continue our mission," said NAJA President Rhonda LeValdo. "Our student programs hold an important place in our commitment to raising Indian Country's next generation of storytellers."

The 2013 National Native Media Conference will be held at the Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center in Tempe. Visit www.naja.com/students to learn more about NAJA's student programs and to begin the application process.

Project Phoenix honors the first Native American newspaper, The Cherokee Phoenix, which was first printed in New Echota, Ga., on Feb. 21, 1828. It was published in both English and Cherokee using the Cherokee alphabet, making it also the first bilingual newspaper in North America.

In keeping with NAJA's mission, Project Phoenix seeks to expose high school students to the powerful world of journalism and how it impacts Indian Country and the rest of the nation.

Several Project Phoenix graduates have gone on to pursue journalism as their college major and career.

NAJA serves and empowers Native journalists through programs and actions designed to enrich journalism and promote Native cultures. NAJA recognizes Native Americans as distinct peoples based on tradition and culture. In this spirit, NAJA educates and unifies its membership through journalism programs that promote diversity and defends challenges to free press, speech and expression. NAJA is committed to increase the representation of Native journalists in mainstream media. NAJA encourages both mainstream and tribal media to attain the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and responsibility.

For more information, visit www.NAJA.com.

NAJA comments on passing of USA Today founder, Al Neuharth

NORMAN, Okla.-The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) was deeply saddened to learn of the loss of USA Today founder, Al Neuharth, who was instrumental in the founding of the NAJA organization and a strong partner in NAJA's mission of supporting Native Americans journalists.

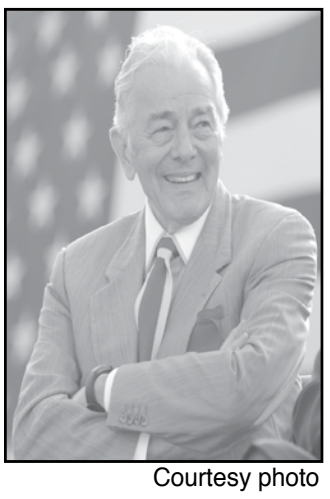
Neuharth, was one of the greatest innovators in modern journalism and a leader in pushing for newsroom diversity. He is likely best known for his revolutionary contributions to the larger journalism industry, but many NAJA members also will remember him fondly for his many contributions to Native journalism.

"Al Neuharth was a great supporter of NAJA and a supporter of many of us personally," longtime journalist and former NAJA president, Mark Trahant said. "He was also a promoter of programs, such as the American Indian Journalism Institute, that brought more American Indians and Alaska Natives into journalism than any other program of its kind."

Neuharth held a NAJA lifetime membership. In addition, he was a founder of the Freedom Forum, which introduced hundreds of Native American students to journalism through the Crazy Horse Journalism Workshop and American Indian Journalism Institute (AIJI). Both programs were held in Neuharth's home state of South Dakota, where every year he visited and inspired students taking part in the programs.

Through the Freedom Forum, his work went beyond mere advocacy. The Crazy Horse Journalism Workshop paired Native American high school students with working journalists to develop news stories for a printed newspaper. AIJI provided an intensive journalism boot camp for Native American college students to prepare for jobs in journalism. The program launched the careers of dozens of Native American journalists working in the industry today and established a strong professional network for them.

NAJA is grateful to Neuharth for the contributions he made to Indian Country through journalism and his overall support for our organization. The NAJA board, staff and members send their most sincere condolences to his friends and family.



Courtesy photo

Founder of USA Today and instrumental in the founding of the Native American Journalist Assocation, Al Neuharth passes away at the age of 89.

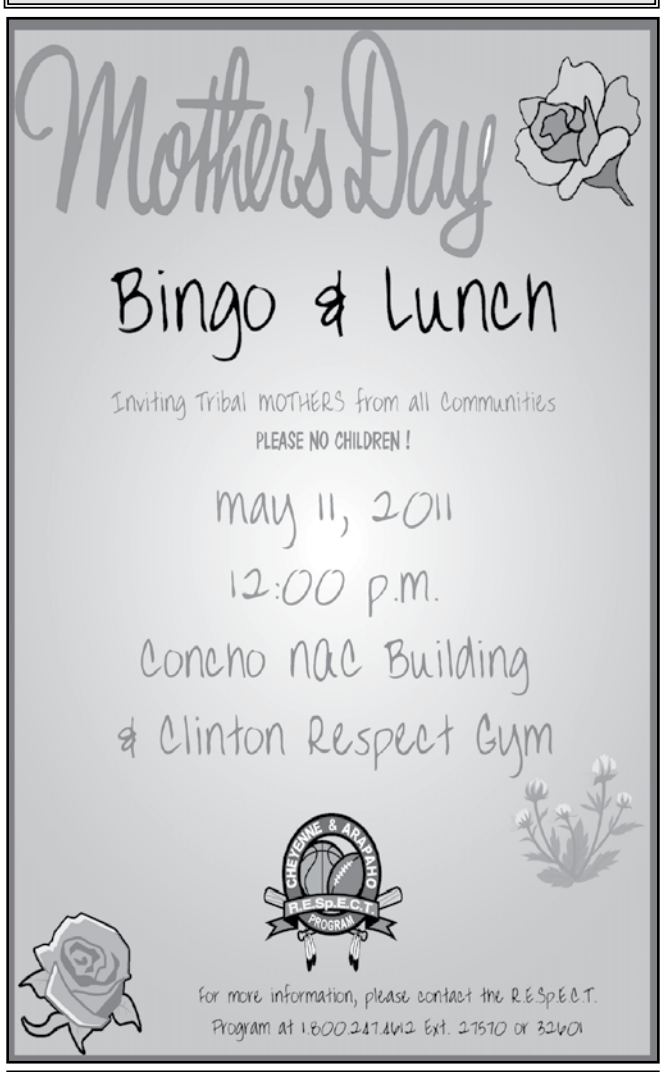
PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Child Care Development Pogram

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Child Care Development Program will be on display for public review.

Tribal members are encouraged to review the plan and make comments and/or recommendations. The plan can be reviewed at the Concho Child Development Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Public hearings will be held Friday, June 7, 2013 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Concho Child Development Center in Concho, Okla., and the Clinton Child Development Center in Clinton, Okla.



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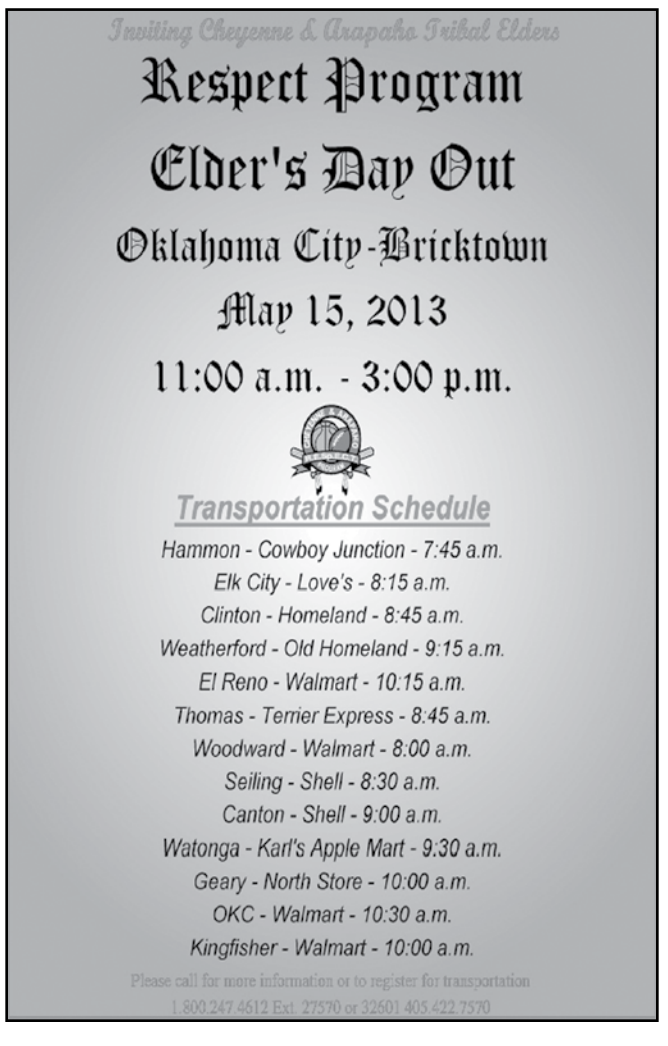
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Sand Creek project

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helped lead denominational work on the Act of Repentance, believes it is of "no small importance" that church and university institutions are further investigating historical connections to Sand Creek.

"The key thing is that there seems to be a movement toward self-examination, accuracy in the historical record, culpability, if any, in terms of the institutions involved, and what it might mean for 'repentance,'" he explained. "The trail of repentance is long and that of healing of relationships with indigenous persons will be even longer,"

Chivington's role in the Sand Creek massacre is well known, but errors have persisted regarding his status within the church.

According to the Rev. Robert Williams, top executive for Archives and History, Chivington was ordained an elder in the Missouri and Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1852 and in the early 1860s was a presiding elder (district superintendent) in 1860 for the Rocky Mountain District of the Kansas and Nebraska Conference.

Chivington was required to give up his membership in the Colorado Conference when he took a military command, but at the time of the massacre was still an ordained elder in the church. Six years after the massacre, he returned to Nebraska and was re-admitted to the conference "on trial," although he soon made his final disappearance from pastoral work.

The role of Evans in the massacre has received less attention. Rev. George "Tink" Tinker, a member of the Osage Nation and professor at Iliff School of Theology, a United Methodist seminary, told the church about this "really fine Methodist gentleman" during the April 27 Act of Repentance worship service at the 2012 General Conference in Tampa, Fla.

"What you haven't heard yet is that Chivington's boss, the second territorial governor of Colorado, only months after being appointed by Abraham Lincoln, is the one who ordered Chivington to proceed against this peaceful Cheyenne village," he said.

Evans, Tinker declared, conceived "murder in his heart" by refusing to receive a delegation of Cheyenne peace chiefs, setting in motion a process leading to the massacre.

"See, that's the history that we've somehow got to deal with," Tinker told General Conference. "It's not just Sand Creek, but it's virtually every bit of the Christian conquest of North America."

As the Chicago Tribune reported in February, Northwestern University has

set up a committee on Evans. The Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance at Northwestern contends that the university has ignored that part of Evans' history.

In a university news release, Provost Daniel Linzer noted that it was "appropriate" to do an assessment of Evans in light of the 150th anniversary.

"Although Sand Creek occurred 13 years after the establishment of Northwestern, we would like to know in detail the nature of John Evans' relationship with the university when he was territorial governor and afterward," he said.

Adrienne Trevathan, chair of the Northern Illinois Annual (regional) Conference's Committee on Native American Ministries, applauded Northwestern's action.

"As an educator, I believe this was a powerful example of how truth sharing can be transformative," she said. "My studies at Garrett-Evangelical (Theological Seminary) taught me that we carry the task of speaking the truth, and to do this well, we do not get to disregard that which makes us uncomfortable, this is why we continue to reinterpret Scripture and understand the context of our faith stories in community."

Participants in the "Act of Repentance toward Healing Relationships with Indigenous Peoples" at the 2012 United Methodist General Conference in Tampa, Fla., were encouraged to select a stone from the "River of Life" as a symbol of their continuing commitment to "listen and walk the journey of healing with one another." A UMNS file photo by Mike DuBose.

At the end of January, Stanovsky convened two meetings with representatives recognized by descendant tribes who interact on all matters related to Sand Creek.

"One of the facts about the massacre was that it was effective in exiting Native people from eastern Colorado," she said, explaining that survivors ended up in Oklahoma, Wyoming and Montana.

The meetings included a half-day session with United Methodists and representatives of Iliff School of Theology, the University of Denver, the Denver mayor's office and Colorado governor's office "to just begin a conversation of just what an appropriate commemoration will be for the 150th anniversary." A second meeting was devoted to following up on the General Conference research petition.

Stanvosky said she has discussed with Alexa Roberts of the National Park Service about how the church's research project might dovetail with work being conducted at the site's own research center in Eads, Colo.

The University of Denver, a United Methodist-related institution, and Iliff have committed to collaborate with the research project, the bishop said.

She hopes the project will become the "definitive record" of Sand Creek for the denomination and help correct errors that have persisted about the massacre over the years.

"It really is distressing to descendants of the victims that the descendants of the perpetrators get it wrong," she said.

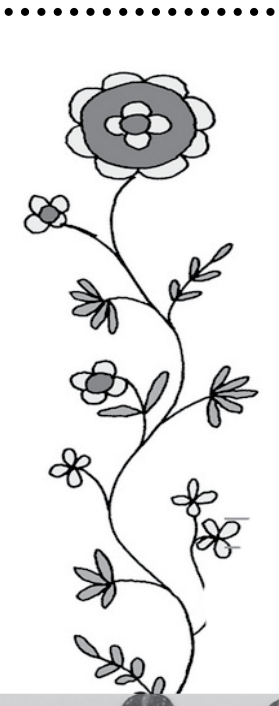
The main role for the Commission on Archives and History is to make sure the study is adequately funded and fulfill any other requests for research, Williams explained.

"We want to get it as accurate and as complete as possible," he said. "Certainly, consultation with the descendants is critical."

Dissemination of the study's results also is important for the church. "We wouldn't just want to have the research done and have the people ignore it," Williams said.

The point of United Methodist research on Sand Creek is not to study the past for its own sake, he noted, but to obtain information that "will hopefully lead to improving the quality of life for all native people as we move into the future."

Bloom is a United Methodist News Service multimedia reporter based in New York. Follow her at www.twitter.com/umcscribe. Anne Marie Gerhardt, director of communications, Northern Illinois Conference, contributed to this report.



Bean & Corn Soup/Stew
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1 large bunch unch of fresh green onions
Smoked/dried pemmican (other meats as desired)

Soak beans and corn overnight separately. In large pot add beans and cover with water and begin to slow cook, add salt and chilles, dice the chilles.

After a couple hours of simmering add the corn. Add the pemmican or diced jerky or other meats after the corn, allow all to simmer at least one hour.

At the end just before serving chop the green oinions on top, leeks and other onion family can be used also.

Serve with fry bread or corn meal discs fried on a griddle.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Barefoot Powwow Meeting

6 p.m. - 8 p.m., May 1, 2013 at the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla. Bring a covered dish. Special invitation to the Sankeys, Birdsheads, Williams, Suttons, Goulds, Mosquedas, Reynolds, and LittleRaven families, and all interested individuals. Will be discussing election of officers, powwow dates and other pertinent information. For more information call Byron Sankey (580) 791-2605.

Post 401 American Legion Meeting

6 p.m. May 2, 2013 at the Clinton Nutrition Center in Clinton, Okla. Meal served, $3/plate. Fundraisers and planning for Veterans events. For more information contact Post Commander, Carolyn Fletcher by email, sugainikia74@aol.com.

Graduation Dance for Shonda Sankey

May 3, 2013 Canton Community Center in Canton, Okla. Supper at 8 p.m. with dance to follow. Sponsors are grandparents, Byron Sankey and Barbara Walters. For more information call (580) 791-2605.

Lucky Star Casino presents ZZ Top

Friday, May 3, 2013. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For tickets visit www.luckystarcasino.org or call (405) 422-7612.

Honor Dance for Maylee Elkshoulder

May 3, 2013 Native American Church meeting at sundown. Evening meal at 6 p.m.

May 4, 2013 Honor Dance at the Fonda Community Center in Seiling, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m. Supper at 4 p.m. Lots of raffles. Sponsored by Maylee's parents and grandparents. For more information call (580) 571-4547.

Memorial Dance honoring Clara Blackowl Old Crow

2 p.m. - 8 p.m. May 4, 2013 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., meal at 4 p.m., followed by InterTribal dance. No give aways. Sponsored by the Old Crow family.

Graduation Dance for Evan Martina Garey

May 4, 2013 at the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla. Dinner at 5 p.m. with dance to follow.

Evan is the daughter of Mardena Hanson-Chase and the late James Garey, granddaughter of Darlene Bull-Love and Marting Hanson. Great Granddaughter of Edward and Elizabeth Bull and Floyd and Lola Hanson. Everyone invited to come celebrate and honor Evan's accomplishments.

For information contact: Darlene Love at (580) 216-0107 or Mardi Chase at (580) 334-5444.

Dance for Preston Moss-Northern Arapaho Sundance Pledger

May, 4, 2013 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. Sponsored by the Mosqueda/Fletcher family, friends and relatives. Lots of raffles, dancing and games. Everyone invited to attend.

Honor Dance for Karen Yeahquo-Tenth Birthday Celebration

May 5, 2013 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 2 p.m. with dance to follow. Prettiest shawl contest and Tiny Tots, 6 years and under contest.

Indian Alcohol Substance Abuse Project Advisory Board Meeting

11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., May 6, 2013 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla. Lunch will be served. Everyone welcomed to attend.

Native Women-Stay Strong Recruitment Sign Up

1 p.m., May 6, 2013 at the Seiling Community Center in Seiling, Okla. Need ten participants willing to committ to six week program. For more information contact Bobbie Hamilton at (405) 422-7623 or by email rhamilton@c-a-tribes.org.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Vocational Rehabilitation Community Outreach Meeting

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., May 8, 2013 at the Gather Place, 916 S. Main in Elk City, Okla. For more information call (405) 422-7544 or (405) 422-7617.

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BRIEFS

The 14th annual Native American Music Awards (NAMMY)

May 10, 2013 at the Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel Events Center in Niagara Falls, NY. For more information or to register call (212) 228-8300 or visit www.namalive.com.

Audit Preparations for Tribes and Tribal Organizations

May 13-14, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Employment Law for Tribes and Tribal Organizations

May 13-14, 2013 at the Swinomish Casino and Lodge in Anacortes, WA. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Strategies for Working with Youth in Indian Country

May 13-15, 2013 in Oklahoma City. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Professional Communication Skills for Native Women

May 16-17, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Expanding Role of the Tribal Security Force

May 16-17, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The seventh annual National Native American Economic Development Conference

May 20-21, 2013 at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The sixth annual Energy Projects in India Country Conference

May 20-21, 2013 at the Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Robert's Rules of Order for the Tribal Recording Secretary

May 22-24, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The second annual Native American Diabetes and Wound Care Conference

June 10-11, 2013 at the La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. For more information visit www. nativenationevents.org.

The 37th annual UNITY Conference

July 12-16, 2013 at the Marriott Warner Center in Woodland Hills, Calif. For more information visit www.unityinc.org.

Developing Tribal Travel Policies Using IRS and OMB Guidelines

June 17-18, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

EATING well for DIABETES

HOW IMPORTANT IS YOUR PLATE?

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Large dishware (plates and bowls) effects children's self-serve portions and food intake.

A recent study published by the American Academy of Pediatrics was conducted on children and the sizes of their plates to evaluate whether larger dishware increased children's self-served portion sizes and food intake.

The children in the study were from 42 elementary schools and the observation was done during the school lunch period. The children served themselves an entrée and a side dish either using a child's plate or an adult plate. If an adult plate was chosen it was 100 percent bigger than the child plate. They were served the same portion of milk and bread with their meals.

The study showed that when the children served themselves using the adult plate, their caloric intake increased by 90 calories. The study also showed that the children gave themselves larger portions of fruit but not larger portions of vegetables.

It is concluded that plate size does matter. An extra 90 calories per meal is 270 calories a day, 1890 calories a week and 95,040 calories a year, which is equal to 27 pounds a year.

We need to teach our children to fill half of their plate with fruits and vegetables and to increase their activity for good health. Starting these habits when they are young will help them keep these habits when they are adults. So remember smaller plates help in reducing caloric intake.

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics January 7, 2013.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM
JUNE 17-JULY 12, 2013

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Supplemental Youth Services' Summer Youth Program (WIA) will provide employment and training to eligible Native American youth, 14 – 21 years of age, who reside within the eight county service areas. The Summer Youth Program will employ youth by providing $7.25 per hour for a 32-40 hour work week. Approved work sites will be established for youth to learn the world of work skills for future employment.

All applications must be complete and signed by the youth applicant and by the parent/guardian before submitting to the WIA Program. Eligibility must be determined before services are received.

The following supporting documentation is required:

Complete application.

CDIB/Tribal member identification.

Social Security card.

Proof of Residency (Example: current utility bill which reflects physical address on application, no more than 30 days old).

Income Verification (Required from all persons 18 or older residing at the address on application).

Authorization to Release Information (ARI) (Signatures required from all persons 18 or older residing at the address on application).

Selective Service Registration (Verification required from all male applicants 18 or older).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 17, 2013

The application will remain incomplete until all documentation is received. Please be advised that eligibility must first be determined before participation in the WIA Supplemental Youth Services Summer Youth Program.

For more information or questions call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27544 or (405) 422-7544.

First Nations Development Institute announces the launch of the "My Green" campaign for Native American youth

My Green, created by First Nations with funding from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, is an initiative that features a brand new website, www.mybigmoney.org with tools to help Native youth who will be receiving a large Minor's Trust or per capita payment … what First Nations refers to as 'Big Money', make smart decisions with their money.

The *My Green* campaign was created in response to the growing demand for a product to specifically assist the increasing number of youth receiving 'Big Money' payments.

As many know, some tribes hold capital earned through successful tribal businesses or settlements with the U.S. government in a trust for tribal youth, and award the payment(s) to the youth when they turn 18 years or older.

Unfortunately, Native youth have a high "unbanked" rate and lower levels of financial knowledge than the national average, and are thus especially vulnerable to making poor financial decisions when awarded this money.

The *My Green* website features four spokespeople, Native youth ages 17-23, who present their stories about how they managed their 'Big Money'. They share their lessons learned in a series of videos, and they serve as guides throughout the different components of the website.

The site contains several money tools that Native youth can use to learn how to better manage their payments, including a 'Big Money' simulation game that mirrors real-life spending decisions one must make and a question and answer forum that addresses a number of topics pertinent to youth receiving a 'Big Money' payment.

To view all the resources available to our youth, please visit www.mybigmoney.org and follow the campaign on Twitter @mygreenfndi for all the latest updates.

NATIVE YOUTH PREVENTING DIABETES
NYPD 2013
JUNE 10-14, 2013

Native Youth Preventing Diabetes 2013

5 Days/4 Nights of outdoor activities, Native American cultural activities and healthy Fun!!

REGISTER BY MAY 10, 2013
Call Tara Conway (405) 422-7685

HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICKI BLACK!!!
Micki is our newest HOME OWNER. Through hard work and making consistent payments over a long period time, Micki has gained ownership of her home. THAT is an accomplishment. We wish you the very best and thank you for setting the example MICKI!

Stars of the Month
DOUGLAS CAMPBELL GAIL WILLIAMS ROSE LOBAUGH

CONGRATULATIONS!
We thank you for making timely payments and being ahead on your payments.

****Home buyers****
Do you need to pay your house payment? Sign up for direct payments or payroll deductions?

Beginning on Tuesday, April 30th from 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm there will be a Housing Authority representative at Concho. This will be every Tuesday and Thursday. We are here to help, please come and see us.

Central Hair & Nail Salon
Haircuts Perms Color Wax
3518 N. MacArthur Blvd.
Oklahoma City
Tues-Fri 10:30-6:30
Sat. 10-6
Georgia Moore McGee
Cell 405.886.2679
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5 Foil Top Highlights ONLY $40!!!!!

CALLING ALL
7th – 12th Grade
Cheyenne and Arapaho Students
SAVE THE DATE
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
2013 Youth Empowerment Conference
June 11-14, 2013
SWOSU
Weatherford, OK
Applications will be available Mar 15, 2013
DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE
Department of Education
STUDENT CREED

I am a member of Tsistsistas-Hinonoei.

The Creator has granted me the spirit of freedom to explore,the soul to believe that any dream is possible, and the ability to successfully achieve whatever I choose.

I will uphold the pride, honor, culture, and traditions of my ancestors.

I will embrace education for my people, my family, and myself.

I will nourish my mind, my body, and my soul with all that is Good,

I will respect all that surrounds me,

For I know that I am free to Dream, Believe, and Achieve.

All Cheyenne and Arapaho 7th-12th grade students are encouraged to memorize prior to the Youth Empowerment Conference.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

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The annual Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Graduation Banquet

5:30 p.m. May 8, 2013 at the Frisco Center, 101 S. 4th Street in Clinton, Okla. Graduates asked to arrive at 5:30 p.m. to have individual and group photo taken. For more information call Wanda Whiteman at (405) 422-7560.

Lucky Star Casino presents the Turnpike Troubadors

Saturday, May 11, 2013. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For tickets visit www.luckystarcasino.org or call (405) 422-7612.

Labor Day Powwow Princess Coronation Dance

May 11, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. followed by InterTribal dance. Raffles, cake walks and prettiest shawl contest. Fundraiser for the 90th annual Colony Labor Day Powwow. For more information call Virgil Franklin at (405) 923-0424 or Louella Old Bear at (405) 426-2278.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T.'s Mother's Day Bingo and Lunch

12 p.m. May 11, 2013 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla. and the Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym in Clinton, Okla. For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 32601.

Comanche Little Ponies 45th annual Powwow and Celebration

May 11, 2013 at the Comanche County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 920 S. Sheridan Road in Lawton, Okla. Opening prayer and Cedar Ceremony at 12 noon. Gourd dancing at 1 p.m., new member initiation at 2 p.m., supper break at 5 p.m., and Grand Entry at 7 p.m. For vendor information contact Clarence Lee at (405) 341-7874. For powwow information contact Lowell Nibbs at (580) 583-5279.

Memorial Dance for Cheyenne Chief Jerome Howlingwater Sr.

May 12, 2013 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. and War dance at 7 p.m. All princesses are invited to attend.

Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow Committee Princess Coronation Dance

6 p.m. May 18, 2013, at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Coronation of 2013 Senior, Junior and Little Miss Royalty. Also honoring outgoing 2012 Royalty, Marley Black, Senior Miss, Jaylin Reveles, Junior Miss and Little Miss, DoreneAllyn WhiteHorse.

Chokka' Kilimpi presents the Chickasaw Heathy Minds Free 5K Run/Walk

May 18, 2013 at Wheeler Park, 1120 S. Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla. Certified course, USATF Sanctioned, timed race through DG Production. Toddler dash ages 3-5 years, 1 mile fun run ages 6-8 years. Resource fair, children's activities and social stickball game. Register online at www.signmeup.com/89263 or contact Renee Wilson at (405) 638-0309.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Vocational Rehabilitation Community Outreach Meeting

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., May 22, 2013 at the Canton Community Center (Gym) in Canton, Okla. For more information call (405) 422-7544 or (405) 422-7617.

The Chilocco Indian School Alumni Reunion and Powwow

May 31-June 1, 2013 at the First Council Casino Event Center and Chilocco Campus in Newkirk, Okla. For more information contact Ida Jane Johnson at (918) 284-1703 or Betty J. Belt at (918) 859-0664.

The 2013 Arapaho Sundance ceremonies

Rabbit Lodge, June 24, 2013 in Ethete, Wyoming. Offering Lodge, June 27. For more information contact Fred Mosqueda at (580) 623-7325.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Board Informational Meetings

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
May 9 - Geary Community Ctr.
May 15 - Concho Community Ctr.
May 20 - Canton Community Ctr.
June 3 - Hammon Community Ctr.
June 11 - Clinton Community Ctr.

Bring all outstanding contract health or medical bills.

All tribal members invtied to attend and discuss health care services received at Clinton Service Unit, clinics and other health related concerns.

Sponsored by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Board Members, Chairman, Allen Sutton, Vice-Chairman, Moses Starr Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Beaver, Ruby Sleeper, member and Margie Pewo, member.

There will be complaint/compliment forms available to be filled out on site at each meeting.

For more information call (405) 422-7695.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday
Anthony Carerra
May 27
Within you, I've found the perfect friend. Someone who I know will be there till the end, and they're not just thoughts I hope will fulfill, but thoughts that will stand forever still. Still as the wind on a hot summer's day. Still as your friendship I'll never betray. Still as the characters in a photograph. Still as your breathless, silent laugh. Within you, I've found the perfect friend. A mind that I can comprehend. A person I see is so much like me. A mutual relationship so carefree. Carefree as a child who questions the world Carefree as a scream that goes unheard. Carefree as an adult blessed with a dream Carefree as water flowing downstream. Within you, I've found the perfect friend With whom I can be real, and never pretend. You've always been someone unique from the rest. You hold a piece of me no other can possess. Within you is reason to live every moment in time. Within you the life I want is always mine. Within you, I have the perfect friend With you, I see myself till the very end, Margo

Happy 8th Birthday
Baylee Corean
May 27
My beautiful princess, how beautifully you're growing. You're such a baby doll, love you with all my heart. Love you baby girl, momma, daddy, unkie Mitch and the rest of your Oklahoma, Montana, Colorado family

Happy 6th Birthday
Torence Malaina "Tori'
May 31 We love you with all of our hearts baby, Just wish you could stay a baby Happy Birthday baby girl. Love, momma and daddy, Unkie Mitch and the rest of your Oklahoma, Montana, and Colorado families

Happy 19th Birthday
Kaley Cross
May 5 and Happy Birthday
Kyler Cross, May 8
We love you, mom and dad

Happy Birthday
Leo Nel Gonzales

Love mom, grandpa, grandma, uncles and aunties from Elk City, Okla.

Happy 56th Birthday
Bobby Joe Lamebull
May God bless you and yours health for many years to come
From your big brother, Bill

Happy Birthday Yolanda
Terese Robb
May 11

Happy 26th Birthday Jess
May 2
Sometimes the journey from little girl to womanhood is laced with many detours, but remember, you always have the power of choice in every moment, to choose which you will be.

Happy 5th Birthday and head start graduation for Marcellus Fletcher
From all Fletchers, C' Hairs and Amos, families
Mom and dad are so proud!

Happy Birthday Bruce!!
Love dad

Happy Birthday
April 8
Franklin Williams, you've come a long way son! Franklin is the son of Marlene Williams Reyes,
Love mom and Maria

Happy Belated Birthday
Tera Chaleupa
April 1
Love mom and grandma from Elk City, Okla.

Happy 7th Birthday
Canada WhiteEagle
May 11
Love mommy and daddy!

Happy Birthday to my favorite girl!
Maria Christine Reyes
May 8

Happy Birthday
Elizabeth Magpie
Love your sisters, dads, nieces and nephews in Elk City, Okla.

Happy 47th Birthday
Dee Ann Alexander
May 21
To our wonderful sister, we always look forward to your Oklahoma vacations and all the fun times we have together. We are very proud of your accomplishments throughout your life. May God bless and protect you.
Your big brothers, Bill and Bob Lamebull

Happy 18th Birthday
Kia Rose, my favorite niece and namesake. May Ma'heo bless you with many, many more
May he always watch over you and keep you
Love you and miss you, aunty Mel

Thank you

The family of Frances Bearbow would like to express their gratitude and thanks to everyone for their prayers, singing, donations , flowers, food, give away items and presence during our time of loss. May God have many blessings upon you.

Thank you, Frances Fingernail Bearbow family

Thanks

I would like to express my gratitude to each and every tribal member/employee, family and friends that assisted and expressed their concern for me during my time of illness.

A special thank you goes out to Rebecka Lyman, Irene Deere and Cheyenne and Arapaho Ambulance Service for being there and watching over me until I reached medical help.

Also, thanks for all the prayers and phone calls. I feel very appreciative and fortunate in regaining my health.

Sincerely, Anna Jane Buckman

Happy Birthday to Marlena Marie Williams on May 23
Yolanda and Marlena are the daughters of Marlene Williams Reyes

In Loving Memory of our mother, Beulah M. (Starr) Wolfe (NuNu) and our sister, Gerlene D. (Starr) Davis-Pratt (Geri) Not a day goes by that we don't think of you two We love and miss you both immensely Edna (Wolfe) Luna, Ronald Starr, Roger Davis, Jr., Sonya Davis, Bradley Davis, Wesley Davis and Roger Davis, Sr.

Congratulations

Stephanie Black is the daughter of Jeff Black and Janice Littlehawk-Black. She has one sister, Lindsay Crossley. She is the granddaughter of Patricia Hawk and the late Thomas Littlehawk.

She grew up in Mustang, Okla. and graduated from Mustang High School in 2009. She received the American Indian Scholarship to attend Oklahoma City University (OCU). In the fall of 2009, she began pursuing her bachelor's degree in accounting at OCU. While at OCU, she has served in many leadership positions.

All four years of her college career, she has been on the advisory board for the American Indian Scholarship. She also has served as Native American Society's treasurer for the past two years. In addition, she has been a committee member for OCU's Spring Powwow.

Stephanie was recently awarded Outstanding Scholar for the American Indian Scholarship for the month of March, also nominated for Oklahoma Native American Students in Higher Education as an Outstanding Upperclassman.

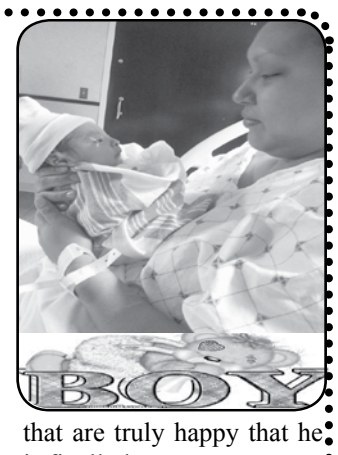
She would like to thank the Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education Program for assisting her throughout her undergraduate career.

She would also like to thank all her family and friends for their support She plans on attending OSU in the fall to pursue her Master's in Accounting.

Welcome

Ezekial Christian Deere to this wonderful world. He was born on April 15, 2013 at 2:30 a.m. He weighed in at 6 pounds and 2 ounces and was 17.5 inches in length.

His mother and father are, Zina Beard-Deere and Jonathan Deere both of Oklahoma City. He has numerous grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles and cousins



that are truly happy that he is finally here.

Obituaries

Charlene Pearl Williams-Bankus
May 2, 1943 - March 24, 2013

Charlene Pearl Williams-Bankus died in Okmulgee on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 69 years of age. Charlene was born May 2, 1943 in rural Blaine County, Oklahoma to Pearl Ethel (Sandhill) and Charles Bert Williams Sr.

Charlene was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Joseph Hershel Niedo Jr., a grandson, Joseph Charles "Joey" Niedo, three brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Jannine Frances Niedo-Kaniatobe of Oklahoma City, a son, Timmothy Allen Niedo and wife Gena of Okmulgee, Okla., three grandchildren, Charles Screechowl, Angie Niedo and Alicia Crossmock and husband Zack, one great-grandson, Donavon Matthew Franklin, a special niece, Kayline Williams of Phoenix, Ariz., nephew, Mike Cutnose of Las Vegas, Nev. and a host of other nieces, nephews and relatives.

A memorial service honoring Charlene's life was be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the First Indian Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City with Reverend Wayne Stark officiating. Interment followed at the Concho Cemetery in Concho, Okla., with honorary casket bearers, Donavon Franklin, Mike Cutnose, Joshua Williams, Quinton Roman Nose, Wayne Robbins, Robbie Franklin, Kevin Williams and Larry Roman Nose.

Michael A. Holliman
Aug. 31, 1955 - April 12, 2013

In memory of Michael A. Holliman

A memorial service was held for Michael A. Holliman on April 17, 2013 at the Koinonia Mennonite Church in Clinton, Okla. Funeral arrangements were conducted by Stanley Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, Okla.

Valeria Ann Webster Hicks
July 17, 1948 - April 10, 2013

Valeria Ann Webster Hicks was born on July 17, 1948 in Thomas, Okla., to Daniel and Georgerine (Hail) Webster. She passed away on April 10, 2013 in Kingfisher, Okla. at the age of 64.

She was raised in the Canton area. She married Joe Neal Hicks Sr. on May 1, 1970. They moved to Geary, Okla. in 1980.

Valeria enjoyed hunting, fishing, thrift stores, casino, bingo and spending time with her grandkids. She worked as an LPN, Dietician. She attended the New Life Assembly of God in Geary, Okla.

Survivors include Joe Hicks Jr. of Geary, Okla., Cincie Hill of El Reno, Okla., Kenneth Hick of Geary, Okla., Thomas Hicks of Geary, Okla., Mareila Mansfield of Geary, Okla., John Black of Geary, Okla., Patrick Black of Geary, Okla., and Daniel Black of Cantonment, FL. Twenty-seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, her cousins, Linda Armour, Renee Meat, her aunt, Ernestine White, her cousin Jackie Barnes, as well as many other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Georgerine Webster, her husband Joe Hicks Sr., three grandchildren, Derek Hicks, Chrissa Hicks, Randy Black and her son, Leon Hicks. Wake services were held at the Tri-County Building on April 12, 2013 in Geary, Okla.

Funeral services were held at the Rock of Restoration Church on April 13, 2013 also in Geary, Okla., with Rev. Waylon Upchego officiating. Valeria was buried at the Old Bear Cemetery in Geary, Okla.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment:

Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

Tribal Youth Counselor
Canton, Okla.
Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications:

BA in Education, Social Work, or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience working with tribal youth, alcohol or drug prevention, substituting one year of experience in teaching for each year of the required education. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license and have a clean driving record. Pass an OSBI background check and drug test. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Full Time CHR Van Driver
C-A Service Area
Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications:

Valid Oklahoma driver's license and current driving record from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Obtain a current CPR certification. Must reside in or near service area. Must pass physical examination and be in good physical condition. TB Skin Test Required. High School diploma or GED certification required. Satisfy an OSBI Background Check. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Cannot have a history of chemical abuse. Must attend training and continuing education requirements. Must be able to communicate effectively with different personalities. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Teachers-Head Start
Canton, Concho, Clinton
Closing Date:Continuous

Qualifications:

CDA, AA, BA Degree in Early Childhood education and a minimum of two years experience working in an early childhood education classroom or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Early childhood education formal training and able to receive a CDA or an AA degree within 180 days of employment. Must pass drug and alcohol test. Must complete supplemental application. Must complete OKDHS Criminal Review Application. Must pass background investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

Admin. Assistant
C-1 Office
Closing Date: May 3, 2013

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Two years secretarial experience that includes demonstrated computer skills and knowledge. Good grammar and communication skills with the ability to compose accurate and professional business letters. Willing to work odd hours during busy seasons. Must be a Cheyenne tribal member. Willing to learn the legislative process. Be ready for unexpected events in the field. Willing to travel to C-1 Districts for meetings and other community activities.

SALARY: Negotiable

PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Our water system violated a drinking water standard between July1, 2012 and Dec.31, 2012. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor (test) your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring (testing) are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. Between July 1, 2012 and Dec. 31, 2012 we did not complete all monitoring or testing for Tap Water Lead and Copper, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

To correct this violation we have taken samples to DEQ every day to get the violation lifted. We are working hard to provide Concho Reserve with a safe and healthy water supply and to stay in compliance with DEQ. If you have any questions you may call Kevin Eason (Water plant Superintendant) at (940) 447-3281 or Melvin Roman Nose at (405) 590-8992 thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Substitute Teacher Aides-Head Start
Concho, Clinton, Canton
Closing Date:Continuous

Qualifications:

High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL.Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing. Must complete supplemental application. Must complete OKDHS criminal review application. Must pass background investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

Content Producer/Writer
Videographer/Reporter
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Minimum three years experience writing, producing and shooting news stories.Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Willingness to travel and work nights and weekends, if necessary. A great attitude and good work ethics a must. Tribal preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Director
Procurement, Grants, and Contracts
Closing Date: May 9, 2013

Qualifications:

Must have a minimum of an AA/AS degree or higher and a minimum of two years supervisory experience in professional related field. Must have substantial experience in government grants and contracts administration and compliance. Must have in-depth knowledge of federal, state, and local government rules and regulations concerning grants and contracts. Must have well-developed analytic, problem solving, and managerial skills. Good computer skills in using on-line systems, databases microcomputers with a special emphasis on data base and spreadsheet applications. Experience in managing post grant and contract activities. Experience in conducting financial and programmatic reviews. Knowledge of OMB Circulars and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR'S). Strong oral and written communication skills. Experience in giving presentations and training sessions to employees. Strong interpersonal and organizational skills are required. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho culture, history, traditions, and service area. Dependable transportation and valid Oklahoma driver's license is required. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must pass pre-hire drug screen. Must be able to pass background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

EPA Director
Concho
Closing Date: May 17, 2013

Qualifications:

Prefer bachelor's degree but may consider an AA/AS Degree in Environmental Sciences, Engineering or Public Health Administration related to Environmental Sciences. Minimum of two years of technical experience related to environmental science, health science, natural resources or experience in managing a federal environment contracted program. Substantial management advisory experience, with emphasis in oral and written presentation to a variety of groups. In-depth knowledge of management information systems, database inventory, presentation and problem-solving methods.Prefer experience in computer skills, database, GIS inventory systems. Must be able to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities as well as state, federal, local and tribal organizations. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug and alcohol screening.

SALARY: Negotiable

Videographer/Editor
CATV
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Minimum two years experience shooting and editing. Valid Oklahoma driver's license required. Willingness to travel and work nights and weekends. Tribal preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

OFFICE HOURS: M F 8AM 5PM
STORE HOURS: M F 9AM 3:30PM
TOLL FREE: 1 888 747 9520
FAX: 405 422 8261

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2013
C-A Food Distribution Program

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER			1	2	3
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10
12 Happy Mother's Day!	13	14 Clinton #1 Tailgate	15 Seiling Tailgate	16 Hammon Tailgate	17
19	20	21 Clinton #2 Tailgate	22	23 Elk City Tailgate	24
26	27 CLOSED	28	29 Last day to pick up for MAY	30 Closed for Inventory	31 Closed for Inventory

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
R.D.B. DOB: 1/29/07
S.D.B. DOB: 11/20/02
P.J.A.B DOB: 9/28/04
Minor Children Under The Age Of 18 Years

Case No. PG-2013-04

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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **AMBER DAWN MOUNT, DANIEL SCOTT BLACKWOLF**

You are hereby notified that Sophia Dinne Cometsevah has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianhsip of the persons and/or estates R.D.B., S.D.B., P.J.A.B., minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **22ND** day of **MAY**, 2013 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 24TH day of APRIL, 2013.

Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

LINDA ZOTIGH, Petitioner,
vs.
LEANNA CABLE, AARON ROMERO, Respondent,

Case No: CIV-2013-0044

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **AARON ROMERO**

You are hereby notified that LINDA ZOTIGH has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, A.R.R., minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 8TH day of **MAY**, 2013 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 9TH day of APRIL, 2013.

Ricque Richardson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Linda Zotigh
P.O. Box 311
Hammon, OK 73650

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
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ANDRE PHILLIPS SR., Plaintiff
vs.
MELINDA RANDLE, Defendant

Case No: CIV-2013-0001

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: MELINDA RANDLE

You are hereby notified that Andre Phillips Sr. has filed in this Court a Petition For Foreign Judgment on January 3rd, 2013, and that the plaintiff is seeking payment of a debt in the amount of $ 12,954.74.

That said Petition For Foreign Judgment is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 8th day of **MAY**, 2013 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said affidavit should not be granted.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2013.

Ricque Richardson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Plaintiff:
Andre Phillips Sr.
3516 SW 17th
OKC, OK 73108

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
W.O.B. DOB: 5-27-09
I.O.B. DOB: 5-28-10
N.O.B. DOB: 5-28-10
D.R.O.B DOB: 9-1-11
Minor Children Under The Age Of 18 Years

Case No: PG-2013-0022

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **SASSONE ORANGE, FLOYD BEAVER**

You are hereby notified that Chloe Orange has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianhsip of the persons and/or estates W.O.B., I.O.B, N.O.B and D.R.O.B. minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **22ND** day of **MAY**, 2013 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 24TH day of APRIL, 2013.

Fran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Petitioner:
Chloe Orange
P.O. Box 1431
Elk City, Ok 73648

Larry the Cable Guy brings laughter to Concho

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

The audience curls up in belly-laughs as Larry the Cable Guy, whose real name is Dan Whitney told one liner jokes during two different shows on April 20, 2013 at the Concho Event Center in Concho, Okla.

Born in farm country in Nebraska, Whitney was drawn to comedy at a young age, and spent years developing a variety of characters onstage and on the radio. One of those characters an exaggerated hick type named Larry the Cable Guy. The character caught on beyond the local club circuit, spawning albums and movies, and landing Whitney a spot on the Blue Collar Comedy Tour alongside fellow accented jokesters Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Ron White.

"Well, Larry is just fun to write for and I'm good at it, because I grew up on a pig farm with nothing but 50 or 60 year old cow farmers, so I was always able to drop in and out of the accent and the good ol' country boy character," Whitney said. "It isn't hard to write for him (Larry) and isn't hard to get into character. I've been doing his character since I was 14, really. I have enjoyed it from the start."

Larry the Cable Guy, on stage is a goofy, happy-go-lucky southern boy in cutoff plaid shirts.

Whitney said he has a couple new projects coming up and his third season of *Only in America* will be airing May 8, 2013 on the History channel at 9 p.m.

"I got a call one day from Tyler Perry asking me to be in a film of his, *Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas* it is set to release in theaters December 13, 2013," Whitney laughed. "Keep a look out for Tow Mater some time in the year of 2015, with a new adventure in Cars 3. "

As the show began to wind down, Whitney spoke seriously about the loves of his life.

"I got started a little late in life when I married my wife at the age of 32. I want toy all to know, I may crack jokes about my wife and kids, but seriously, I would not know where I would be without them. The man upstairs knew what he was doing when he brought me them," Whitney smiled as he threw his hat off into the audience and thanked them for coming to see his show.

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Larry the Cable Guy keeps the audience in tears with laughter during his comedy act at Lucky Star Event Center April 20.

According to Larry's Website, Larry the Cable Guy is one of the top comedians in the country, he has his own line of merchandise and continues to sell out theatres and arenas across the United States. Whitney has created The Git-R-Done Foundation, which was named after Larry's signature catchphrase, and has donated more than $7 million to various charities.

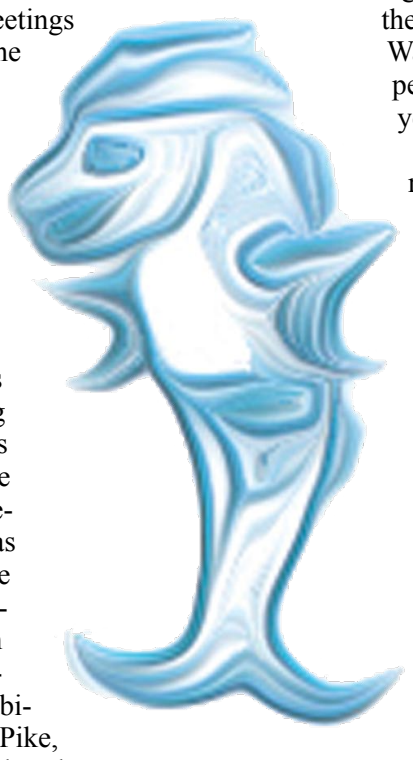
Currently, Larry is the host of *Only in America with Larry the Cable Guy* on the History Channel. The show premiered in 2011 and was a huge ratings success. In each episode, Larry visits various sites across the country revealing bits of real history while immersing himself in new and different lifestyles, jobs and hobbies that celebrate the American experience.

Walleye Rodeo in Canton May 16-19

The annual Walleye Rodeo is set to begin May 16-19, 2013 at Canton Lake in Canton, Okla.

This year's event includes a Canton Child Study Club, "Catch Me If You Can" 5K and 1 mile fun run on Saturday May 18 beginning at 8:45 a.m and a Rider for Life Poker Run, also on Saturday, May 18 at 8:30 a.m., along with many other activities.

In the early 1960s the Canton Chamber of Commerce meetings were dominated by the discussion of having a fishing contest at Canton Lake. In 1968, at the March Chamber meeting, the fishing contest became a reality. A motion was made that the Chamber members sponsor a fishing contest and this was how the Canton Lake Walleye Rodeo began. The name was chosen because the Department of Wildlife chose Canton Lake as a good location to start a new habitat for the Walleye Pike, an exotic northern fish. The word Rodeo was chosen because the natural schooling of the Walleye resembles a herd of cattle. When one Walleye strays from the school or "herd", another Walleye will "round him up" and return him to the herd.



The first Walleye Rodeo was scheduled for May 9-12, 1968 due to Walleye spawning season.

For these first years of the rodeo, prizes were donated by Longdale, Canton and other surrounding community merchants, plus manufacturing companies of fishing equipment. The group decided that the grand prize should be a tagged Walleye worth $1,000 if caught.

An area businessman, Bill Duggan, sponsored the first $1,000 fish and Richard "Dick" Smith, Watonga designed the official Walleye Rodeo Logo, a fish called "Wally Walleye". The prized Wally Walleye eluded fishermen for ten years before being caught in 1977 by John Foley of Woodward.

Since the Walleye Rodeo began in 1968 the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife has caught and tagged all the fish for the Walleye Rodeo. The first Walleye Rodeo registered 466 people and has grown every year.

In 2003, 1100 fishermen registered for the three and a half day tournament and prize money was available in excess of $25,000.

In 1970 the Canton Lake Walleye Rodeo separated from the Canton Chamber of Commerce and became an independent organization. As in the beginning, all help for the Walleye Rodeo is on a volunteer basis.

Through the efforts of many hard working, dedicated people who have given freely of their time and money, the Walleye Rodeo has continue to grow. Each year thousands of people come into the community of Canton during the Walleye Rodeo weekend, which gives a great financial boost to the town.

This year's sponsors include Lucky Star Casino-Canton, Dobrinski Chevrolet, Pope Distributing Co., Premium Beers of Oklahoma, Hoskins Trucking and the Walleye Association will present the trophies and cash prizes for the largest fish in each category.

For a list of activities, schedule and sponsors, visit www.walleyerodeo.com/info_general.html.

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